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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Planning Assistant to the Deputy Director
(Support)**

SUBJECT: Support Base in the NSA Area.

1. I have just had an informal discussion with [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] of the Office of Communications and Mr. [redacted] of the NSA Division concerning our plans for an NSA Support Base and particularly the necessity for giving priority consideration to the communications aspects thereof.

2. As I understand the problem, at present the NSA Division has some doubts as to the desirability of planning on [redacted] as our major support base. There is some question as to whether [redacted] should not be given serious consideration, as well as the possibility of having bases at both [redacted].

3. While the communications problem is not easily separated from the over-all support problem it is in sharp focus at the moment because of the difficulty of operating on [redacted] under present conditions and the distinct possibility that the situation could well deteriorate to such an extent that our operations there would have to be seriously curtailed or eliminated. The importance of this installation makes it mandatory that immediate planning be undertaken to meet this contingency.

4. I would hope that plans to meet this situation would be consistent with our over-all support war planning, but it is conceivable that this may not be the case. Please give this matter prompt attention and, in conjunction with [redacted] Staff and our Support Offices, proceed to define the problem(s) and make specific recommendations for its(their) early solution.

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